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Video teleconference calls keep families connected during deployments.

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## New cemetery construction begins in June

**Mike A. Glasch**  
Leader Staff

Officials with Veterans Affairs say construction on the national cemetery to be built on Fort Jackson is scheduled to begin mid-June.

The cemetery's director, Gene Linxwiler said he expects the cemetery to begin interments by November.

"Once construction begins, weather would be the biggest drawback to completing the project on time," he said.

Construction will take place in several phases, the first phase has two parts (Phase 1A and 1B). Phase 1A will be an early burial area with temporary facilities while Phase 1B is being completed. The Phase 1 development will provide 5,000 full caskets (including 4,200 crypts) and 2,450 remains niches including a 2,000-niche columbaria.

The project will also include an administration/public information facility, maintenance facility, two committal shelters for interment ceremonies, a flag/assembly area and supporting infrastructure; including utilities and irrigation.

Linxwiler said he anticipates the VA to choose a name for the cemetery soon.

Once completed, the cemetery will be bordered by Wildcat Road to the west, Spears Creek Church Road to the east, North Tower Road to the south and Percival Road to the north.

A complete list of who is eligible for burial in a national cemetery can be found on the burial and memorials page of the VA Web site at [www.cem.va.gov](http://www.cem.va.gov).

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### Retirees tee-time



Photo by Susanne Kappler

Thomas Myers attempts a putt during Friday's Retiree Appreciation Days Golf Tournament at the Fort Jackson Golf Club as his wife Connie looks on. Fort Jackson held its Retiree Appreciation Days Friday and Saturday. For more, see pages 20-21.

## Armed Forces Day Open House 2008

Fort Jackson will open its gates May 17 to celebrate Armed Forces Day with the community. For more information on events and activities, see next week's *Leader*.



Ask the Garrison Commander

Fort Jackson volunteers to be honored Monday



Col. Dixon

**Q** When is the annual volunteer recognition ceremony?

**A** The Fort Jackson commanding general and the community will honor Fort Jackson volunteers at the annual Volunteer Recognition Ceremony 1 p.m., Monday at the MG

Robert B. Solomon Center. The Fort Jackson community is invited to attend.

**Q** Who will be recognized at the volunteer recognition ceremony?

**A** All Fort Jackson volunteer organizations will be recognized by the commanding general.

The Volunteers of the Year and the Volunteer Hall of Fame inductees will be announced.

The Volunteers of the Year are recognized from four categories: youth, retiree, active duty military and family member/civilian.

Each Volunteer of the Year must have given exemplary service to the Fort Jackson community between March 1, 2007, and Feb. 29.

Each Volunteer Hall of Fame inductee must have volunteered continuously for the Fort Jackson community for two or more years.

The Volunteers of the Year and Volunteer Hall of Fame inductees are selected by an independent panel of five members of the Columbia community.

Garrison Fact of the Week

Surveys have found that volunteering is the second greatest source of individual joy, only surpassed by dancing.

To submit questions to "Ask the Garrison Commander," call 751-5442, or e-mail Scott.Nahrwold@conus.army.mil.

Fort Jackson talks back

Has the recent increase in gas prices had an impact on your driving habits?



Anna Colon-Gerena  
AAFES

"Yes, we have to cut down a lot. I take less trips."



Staff Sgt. John Fleet  
3rd Battalion,  
13th Infantry Regiment

"No, but it will affect me if gas prices keep going up."



Staff Sgt. Dathan Stukes  
Recruiting and Retention School

"No, it hasn't. I have to do the necessary trips; I can't change that."

Sandy Sandlin  
Morale, Welfare and Recreation



"I'm cutting back on short trips I would make. I try to put them all in one trip."

Arthur Newsome  
Air Force Retiree



"We don't do as much long distance travel as we used to."

Sgt. 1st Class Samuel Larsh  
Recruiting and Retention,  
Georgia Army National Guard



"No, it has not. I'm not going to alter my lifestyle due to cost of travel."

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# NEWS

## Installation to host USAAC competition

**Chris Rasmussen**  
Leader Staff

Fort Jackson will host the 2008 U.S. Army Accessions Command NCO and Soldier of the Year competition for the fourth year in a row.

The competition, slated for May 6-9, will feature three Soldiers and six noncommissioned officers from USAAC subordinate commands battling it out during three days of events. The 171st Infantry Brigade will host the competition and is responsible for planning, coordination and execution.

“Fort Jackson is the host site due to the facilities we have,” said Sgt. 1st Class Bradley Sperling, 171st Inf. Bde. S3 noncommissioned officer in charge. “USAAC doesn’t have the flexibility with ranges, land navigation sites and testing sites like Fort Jackson has.”

The competition will consist of an Army Physical Fitness Test, zeroing and qualifying with an M-16A2 rifle,

day and night land navigation courses, hands-on warrior tasks, a board appearance, a written essay and a 50-question exam.

Winners of the Fort Jackson competition, held in April, will participate. Other commands participating in the event include U.S. Army Cadet Command, U.S. Army Recruiting Command, U.S. Army Accessions Command Support Brigade and U.S. Army Garrison.

“The competitions help highlight the incredibly talented and skillful NCOs and Soldiers we have,” Sperling said. “The skills that are tested during competition are real world skills that each and every NCO and Soldier need to possess.”

Hands-on testing of common tasks will be based on knowledge contained in the Soldiers Manual of Common Tasks and include Skill Levels 1-4, as appropriate for rank. Each competitor will be allowed to use a unit NCO as a coach.

Candidates may practice on Fort Jackson ranges and land navigation courses before the competition. However, ranges and courses designated for the NCO/SoY program may not be used within 60 days of the competition.

Winners will represent USAAC during the U.S. Army Training and Doctrine Command competition in July. Runners-up will be designated as alternative candidates in the event the winner cannot compete in the TRADOC event.

The Department of the Army competition will be held in September or October.

“These types of competitions build *esprit de corps* for the units and post. Another positive benefit is the overwhelming pride an NCO or Soldier feels when they win a competition,” Sperling said. “To win against 200 Soldiers in your unit is nice, but when you win against an entire post of a couple thousand and then against five major commands with many thousands of Soldiers is incredible.”

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## S.C. Special Olympics games begin here Friday

**Julia Simpkins**  
Public Affairs Staff

Friday marks the 40th anniversary of the South Carolina Special Olympics at Fort Jackson. Opening ceremonies will be held at the MG Robert B. Solomon Center at 7:30 p.m.

There, more than 1,000 athletes, coaches and spectators will watch the Olympic torch being run to its final point in front of the center, marking the official beginning of the games.

The Olympic torch run, while only the beginning of an exciting series of events, carries its own pomp and circumstance.

Since March, Special Olympics hope-

fuls have been competing to see who will carry the torch to its many points before it gets here.

Sue Maner, the Special Olympics South Carolina vice president of public relations and programs, said Friday’s events will start off post with a press conference downtown with the state’s torch runners. Next, the official run to Fort Jackson will start at the state house. The 7.2 mile run will be performed by Fort Jackson’s military police and law enforcement officers from throughout South Carolina.

Eric Brown, a special athlete, will light the cauldron at Fort Jackson. Brown, 25, was chosen because he is one of four track

and field athletes to represent South Carolina at the 2007 World Summer Games in Shanghai, China.

Inside the center, Brig. Gen. James H. Schwitters, Fort Jackson commanding general, will be joined by two other SOSOC grand marshals to lead 18 delegations in the Parade of Athletes.

Afterward, the



Leader File Photo

**A Special Olympic athlete receives his medal during the 2007 South Carolina Special Olympics held at Fort Jackson. The Special Olympics will begin Friday.**

athletes will rest for the next day’s activities, which will include bowling, swimming, gymnastics and softball, starting at 8:30 a.m.

The event’s activities will be run by the 3rd Battalion, 13th Infantry Regiment, whose noncommissioned officers will serve as mentors and proctors.

“The Fort Jackson installation and the 3rd Battalion, 13th Infantry Regiment have

been working hard in conjunction with the Special Olympics representatives to ensure this event is an enjoyable time for the athletes,” said Lt. Col. Randall Harris, battalion commander. “It is the 3-13th Infantry’s honor and pleasure to be given the opportunity to represent the 193rd Infantry Brigade and Fort Jackson as the host of this year’s games.”

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Date	Activity	Place	Time
Friday	Athletes gather for torch lighting	Solomon Center	7:30 p.m.
Saturday	Bowling	Century Lanes, Ivy Lanes	8 a.m.
	Softball	Hilton Field Softball Complex	8:30 a.m.
	Aquatics	Knight Pool	9 a.m.
	Olympic town fun events	3-13th Bn. HQ	noon
Sunday	Worship service	3-13th Bn. HQ Classroom #2	8 a.m.
	Athletes leave		9 a.m.

# Around Post

## Military Spouse Day

A Military Spouse Day celebration will be held from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Friday at the Strom Thurmond Building, Room 120. For more information, call 751-5256/6325.

## Groundbreaking Ceremony

The groundbreaking ceremony for the Armed Forces Chaplain Center will be held 10-11 a.m., Tuesday at the U.S. Army Chaplain Center and School. For more information, call 751-8887.

## Newcomers' Orientation Re-entry Brief

A newcomers' orientation and re-entry brief will be held from 9 a.m. to noon, Wednesday at the Post Conference Room. For more information and to register, call 751-6153/5452.

## Armed Forces Day

Armed Forces Day will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., May 17. Activities will include military static displays, a golf tournament, tours of Fort Jackson facilities, games, drill competitions, a concert and an air show. The event is free and open to the public.

## Museum Open

The Fort Jackson Museum has reopened. The hours are from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., weekdays. The museum is closed on weekends and federal holidays.



# At your service

hours and phone numbers for key post facilities

- All South Federal Credit Union**, 782-9830 — 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday-Thursday; 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Friday.
- American Red Cross**, 751-4329/5923 — 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday
- Andy's Fitness Center**, 751-4177 — 5 a.m. to 9 p.m., Monday-Friday; 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Saturday; 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Sunday; call for opening time on training and federal holidays
- Army Career Alumni Program**, 751-4109/4104 — 7:30 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., Monday-Friday
- Army Community Service**, 751-5256 — 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday
- Army Continuing Education Services**, 751-5341 — 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday
- Bowling**, Century Lanes, 751-6138 — closed Monday, 11:30 a.m. to 10 p.m., Tuesday-Thursday; 11:30 a.m. to 11 p.m., Friday; 1 p.m. to midnight, Saturday; 2-10 p.m., Sunday; Ivy Lanes, 751-4759
- Car Care Center**, 782-1639 — 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday-Friday
- Chaplain Museum**, 751-8827/8079 — 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday-Friday.
- Child and Youth Services**, 751-4865 — 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday, Wednesday and Friday; 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., Tuesday, Thursday
- Civilian Personnel Advisory Center**, 751-3219 — 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday-Friday
- Class VI**, 782-1601 — 9 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday-Friday; 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., Saturday; 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Sunday
- Coleman Gym**, 751-5896 — 5:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., Monday-Friday; 6 a.m. to 2 p.m., weekends, training holidays and holidays except Christmas and New Year's Day
- Commissary**, 751-5789 — 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., Sunday; 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., Tuesday and Saturday; 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., Wednesday-Friday
- Department of the Army Photos (TSC)**, 751-7593 — 8-11 a.m. and 1-3 p.m., Monday-Thursday
- Defense Military Pay Office**, 751-6669 (*Soldiers*), 751-4914 (*Civilian*) — 8-11:30 a.m. and 12:30-4 p.m., Monday-Friday
- Dental Clinics**, 751-5178/6017 — 7:15 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., Monday-Friday
- Family Health Center**, 751-2273 — 7:20 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday-Friday; 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., training holidays
- Florist**, 738-1812 — 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday-Friday
- Furniture Store**, 787-9175 — 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday-Friday; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday; 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday
- Hospital Retail Annex**, 782-1263 — 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday-Friday
- ID Section**, 751-7731 — 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday-Friday
- Legal Assistance and Claims**, 751-4287/3603 — 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday-Friday
- LCI-SSSC**, 790-5306 — 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday-Friday
- Main Outpatient Pharmacy**, 751-2259 — 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday-Friday
- Military Clothing Sales Store**, 787-5248 — 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday-Friday; 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday; 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sunday
- NCO Club**, 782-2218 — Regular hours are 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Monday-Friday and 8 p.m. to 2 a.m., Saturday. The NCO Club is open later for entertainment and special events; call for details and times
- Officers' Club**, 751-4906 — 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday (open to nonmembers); 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., Sunday brunch (members)
- Palmetto Falls Water Park**, 751-3381 — closed Monday; 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., Tuesday-Saturday; 1-7 p.m., Sunday
- Perez Fitness Center**, 751-6258 — 5:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., Monday-Friday; 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., weekends and training holidays
- Pools**, Knight, 751-6258 — 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday-Friday; closed Saturday and Sunday; Legion — noon to 7 p.m., Monday-Friday; closed Saturday and Sunday
- Post Exchange**, 787-1950/1951/1952 — 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Monday-Saturday; 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Sunday
- Post Office**, 782-8709 — 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday-Friday
- Recycling Center**, 751-4208 — 7 a.m. to 3 p.m., Monday-Friday; Open 24 hours for drop-off
- Refill Annex (PX mall)**, 751-2250 — 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday-Friday
- Reuse Center**, 751-5121 — 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday-Friday
- Safety Office**, 751-6004 — 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday
- Shoppettes** — Lee Road, 782-0590 — 7 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday-Friday; 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., Saturday and Sunday; Gate 1, 782-2076 — 7 a.m. to 9 p.m., Monday-Friday; 8 a.m. to 9 p.m., Saturday and Sunday; Gate 2, 790-4478 — 24 hours a day
- SSI Retail Annex**, 738-9189 — 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Monday-Friday
- Theater**, 751-7488 — closed
- Thrift Shop**, 787-2153 — 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Tuesday; 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Thursday; 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., first Saturday of the month
- Vanguard Gym**, 751-4384
- Vehicle Registration**, 751-7573 — 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday-Friday
- Veterinary Clinic**, 751-7160 — 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday-Friday

Anything we missed? E-mail us at [fjleader@conus.army.mil](mailto:fjleader@conus.army.mil). This information will be published the first issue of each month in *The Fort Jackson Leader*.



## Customer Service Corner

### Post submissions exceed 17,000

**Christina Garza**

*Community FIRST/AFAP Coordinator*

The DoD Interactive Customer Evaluation (ICE) system continues to shape the future of customer service. Since the beginning of fiscal year 2008, ICE has maintained a customer satisfaction rating of 95 percent and an overall employee/staff attitude rating of 4.70, with more than 17,900 submissions across Fort Jackson.

The interactive Web site allows customers to submit direct and immediate feedback to facility managers about their products and services. With just the click of a mouse, the system sends comments, suggestions, complaints or compliments directly to the appropriate service provider manager for action. A manager will contact the respondent directly with a reply if a phone number or an e-mail address is provided, but anonymous responses are fine as well.

Log on to <http://ice.disa.mil/>, click Army CONUS, and then click on Fort Jackson. The site can also be accessed through the Fort Jackson Web site at <http://www.jackson.army.mil/>. Scroll down and click on the ICE logo. Choose the appropriate category from the list, and click on the info icon to see service provider information such as hours of operation, phone numbers and upcoming events. Click on the service provider link to access the customer comment card and submit comments.

Service provider managers will use the feedback to continuously review, improve and provide the highest quality service possible. The system automatically calculates the customer serv-

ice rating each week and reports trend data as well. These reports are provided to the garrison, hospital and dental commanders and other directorate and organizational supervisors responsible for each service provider area.

ICE is sponsored by the Office of the Secretary of Defense Quality Management Office and is part of the Fort Jackson Customer Management Services. The primary purpose of ICE is to improve customer service; give the leadership timely information about service quality; and to improve the speed, quality and quantity of feedback from customers.

Customer input can range in areas of health, housing, recreation, family programs, shopping, administration, dining, communications, safety and security and travel and transportation. ICE provides another avenue for customers to voice their opinion on what they like, what they dislike and to suggest improvements to facility managers.

Call 751-5547/3425 or e-mail [ice@conus.army.mil](mailto:ice@conus.army.mil) with questions about the ICE system.

#### ICE Appreciation

The garrison congratulates the Directorate of Family Morale, Welfare, and Recreation, specifically the Army Community Service Soldier and Family Assistance Center, and the ACS Mobilization and Deployment Readiness Program. They have achieved a 4.93 and a 4.83 percent rating, respectively, in employee/staff attitude out of a possible 5.0, for a 12-week period. This is an outstanding performance in customer satisfaction.

*A tip of the campaign hat to this week's ...*

### Drill Sergeants of the Cycle

from the "Lightning Strike Strong" Brigade



**Staff Sgt. Christopher Milling**  
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2nd Battalion,  
39th Infantry  
Regiment



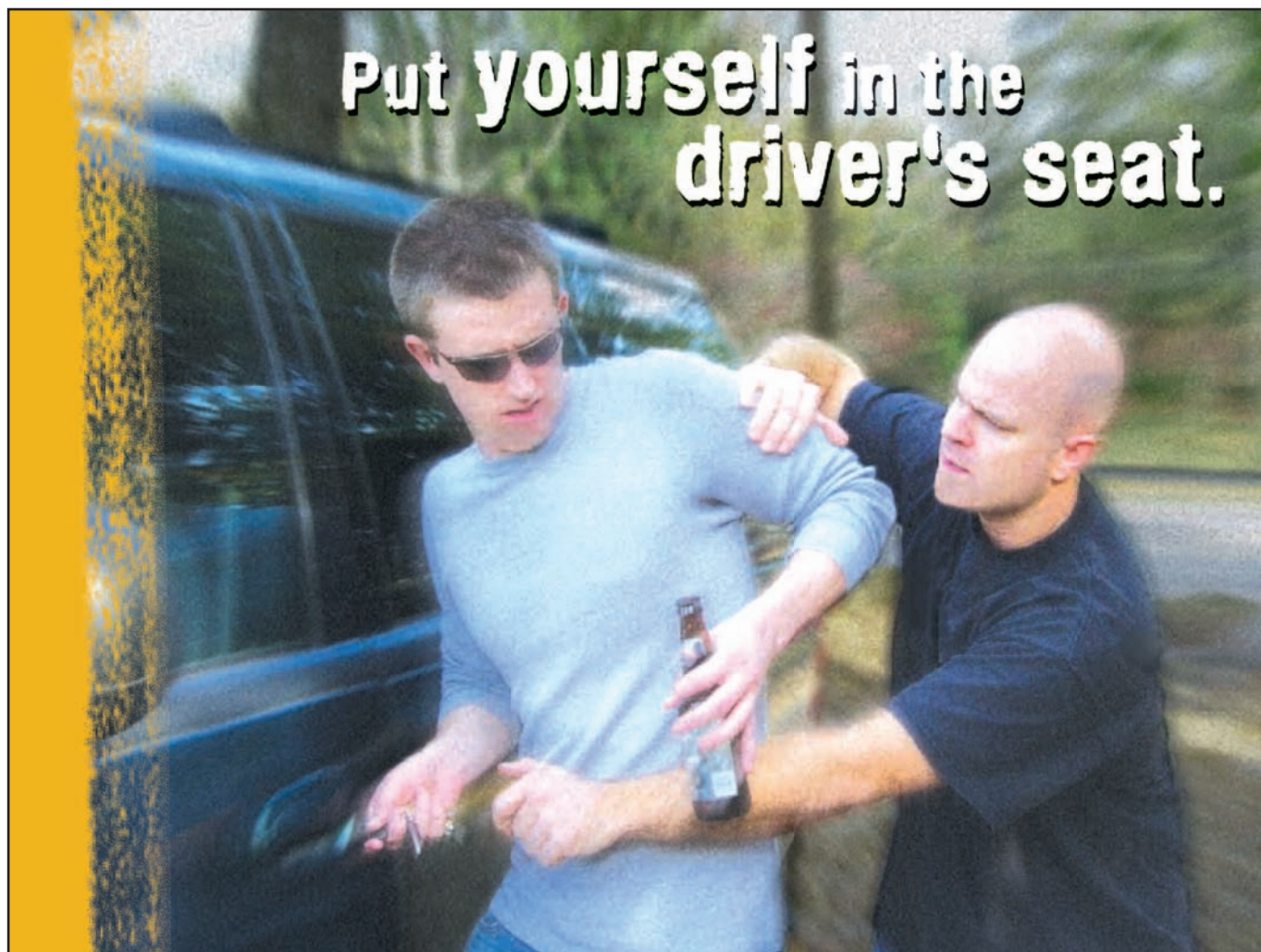
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Company E,  
2nd Battalion,  
39th Infantry  
Regiment



**Sgt. 1st Class Robert Aasand**  
Company E,  
1st Battalion,  
34th Infantry  
Regiment



# 108

Number of weeks without a motor vehicle fatality at Fort Jackson.





## Army pledges to uphold standards in barracks

**Gerry J. Gilmore**

*American Forces Press Service*

WASHINGTON — A senior Army officer responsible for Soldiers' housing pledged remedial action in the wake of news reports citing some Soldiers living on Fort Bragg, N.C., were housed in substandard quarters.

"It is my responsibility to maintain barracks throughout the Army," Brig. Gen. Dennis E. Rogers, deputy director of operations and facilities for U.S. Army Installation Management Command, in Arlington, Va., said Tuesday.

"Folks, we let our Soldiers down, and that's not like us," Rogers emphasized. "That's not how we want America's sons and daughters to live, and there's no good excuse for what happened."

Earlier this month, the father of one of the Fort Bragg-based Soldiers uploaded a video onto an Internet Web site that depicted a clogged bathroom drain and profuse peeling paint inside a 1950s-vintage barracks that housed his son and some other 82nd Airborne Division Soldiers who recently redeployed to Fort Bragg after a duty tour in Afghanistan.

However, work orders had already been submitted to correct the barrack's discrepancies that were identified in the video, Rogers said. Most of the shortfalls, he added, had been corrected before the video's posting.

"The flaking paint condition was, in fact, ugly. ... We have scraped that paint off, and the surfaces are being repainted," Rogers said.

The clogged and flooded drain in the bathroom floor was reported and repaired immediately, he said.

Twenty-three other 1950s-style barracks are in use on Fort Bragg, and all of them are slated for demolition within the next five years as new barracks are constructed, Rogers said. There are no health or safety issues with those older



Photo by Chris Rasmussen

**Fort Jackson barracks, like this one, were recently inspected to ensure they meet the Army's standards.**

barracks, he added.

There is a process in place at Army posts worldwide in which older barracks in use are maintained until they are torn down, Rogers reported. That process failed at Fort Bragg, he acknowledged.

The older barracks used to house Soldiers "are looking worse and worse, so we're getting the new barracks on line as soon as possible," Rogers said.

Senior Army leaders directed garrison commanders

worldwide to walk through and inspect their barracks April 26-27, Rogers said. The feedback is still being examined, and a report may be ready as early as sometime next week, he said.

"We got most of those barracks looked at," Rogers said, noting some rooms were unavailable for inspection until residents had returned from four-day passes.

Meanwhile, Army garrison commanders and command sergeants major have made an assessment that Soldiers are housed in accordance with Army standards, Rogers said. On-the-spot corrections have been made to bring unsatisfactory barracks living conditions into compliance with Army standards, he noted.

Fort Jackson garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Lewis Kellam said that the installation conducted the required inspections.

"All units on Fort Jackson inspected their barracks throughout the weekend," Kellam said. "We identified a variety of issues, which we are already in the process of fixing."

Installation Management Command's top enlisted person, Command Sgt. Major Debra L. Strickland, accompanied Rogers at the roundtable. Strickland will chair a noncommissioned officer forum that will provide an NCO perspective on Army barracks issues, Rogers said.

Taking care of Soldiers, including ensuring their living quarters meet Army standards, is an NCO's primary task, Strickland told reporters.

"The noncommissioned corps has the basic responsibility for the welfare of our Soldiers," Strickland pointed out.

More than 10,800 of Fort Bragg's 51,000 soldiers live in barracks or post family housing units, according to installation officials.

**Editor's Note:** Leader staff contributed to this report.

## Petraeus to lead CENTCOM; Odierno to lead MFI

**Donna Miles**

*American Forces Press Service*

WASHINGTON — The White House will nominate Army Gen. David H. Petraeus, currently commander of Multinational Force Iraq, to be the next U.S. Central Command commander, Defense Secretary Robert M. Gates announced last week.

"I recommended him to the president because I am absolutely confident he is the best man for the job," Gates told reporters. He cited Petraeus' in-depth understanding of the situation in Iraq as well as counterinsurgency operations, and the successes seen in Iraq under his leadership.

"The kinds of conflicts we are dealing with not just in Iraq, but in Afghanistan and some of the challenges that we face elsewhere in the region in the CENTCOM area, are very much characterized by asymmetric warfare," he said. "And I don't know anybody in the United States military better qualified to lead that effort."

Gates also announced that the White House will nominate Army Gen. Raymond T. Odierno, who commanded Multinational Corps Iraq until just two months ago, to succeed Petraeus as Multinational Force Iraq commander.

Odierno served as Petraeus' right-hand man in Iraq, Gates said, and like Petraeus, has the experience required for the job.

"I believe in most parts of the world, especially the Middle East, personal relationships make a difference," Gates said. "And General Odierno is known recently to the Iraqi leadership, he's known to the Iraqi generals, he's known to our own people. He has current experience, so the likelihood of him being able to pick up for this baton-passing to be smooth - the odds of that are better with him than with anybody else I could identify."

Odierno had been nominated as Army vice chief of staff. That nomination will be withdrawn, with Army Lt. Gen. Peter Chiarelli, currently Gates' senior military advisor, to be nominated for a fourth star and to serve in that position, the secretary announced.

Gates said Navy Adm. William J. Fallon's decision in March to step down as CENTCOM commander came unexpectedly, creating a big hole at "one of our most important combatant commands, one engaged in two wars and on many fronts and perhaps the most sensitive part of the world."

Gates said he turned to the person most up to speed on the region to fill the post quickly without losing momentum.

Petraeus said he is "honored to be nominated for this position and to have an opportunity to continue to serve with

America's soldiers, sailors, airmen, Marines, Coast Guardsmen and civilians."

Gates said he expects the Petraeus-Odierno team to work together to continue building on progress taking place in Iraq.

"I think the course ... that General Petraeus has set has been a successful course, so frankly I think staying that course is not a bad idea," he said. "I would say it's a good idea."

Because Odierno served directly under Petraeus for the past year, his assumption of the Iraq command with Petraeus at CENTCOM "probably preserves the likelihood of continued momentum and progress," Gates said.

The secretary urged the Senate to move quickly on the nominations, confirming them by Memorial Day, if possible, to pave the way for Petraeus to take the CENTCOM helm.

Gates cited the "high respect" many Senate leaders have for Petraeus and said he expects a fairly smooth confirmation process.

Meanwhile, Petraeus will remain in the Multinational Force Iraq job through late summer or early fall to ensure a smooth hand-off to Odierno.

Gates said he expects Petraeus to be on site to evaluate ground conditions following a 45-day pause to begin after the final surge forces withdraw from Iraq.

"I would expect that General Petraeus would carry out not only the evaluation, but that first decision in terms of are we able to draw down another brigade combat team or not, depending on conditions on the ground," Gates said.

At CENTCOM, Petraeus will broaden his responsibilities to address challenges not only in Iraq, but also in Afghanistan and elsewhere in the region. Gates said he expects Petraeus to follow in Fallon's footsteps building relationships throughout the region.

Gates said he believes Petraeus, Odierno and Fallon all share the same views about the dangers of Iranian interference in Iraq. "What the Iranians are doing is killing American servicemen and women inside Iraq," he said.

The secretary expressed special appreciation to Odierno for his willingness to accept another tour in Iraq so soon after returning home, and to his family for supporting the decision.

"I think his extraordinary sense of duty that has led him to accept this tough assignment," he said. "I am personally very grateful to him and to his family for their remarkable service to this country."

Army Lt. Gen. Martin E. Dempsey, who was Fallon's deputy commander, has served as acting CENTCOM commander since Fallon handed over the reins March 28.

# MARKING TIME



Army Times File Photo

*Numerous creatures can be found roaming Fort Jackson. In the summer of 1942 one in particular had everyone on his or her toes: A 6-foot-long alligator.*

*According to reports in the Army Times, it is believed the creature was originally a pet, then dumped in Legion Lake which was used as a swimming hole for the Non-Divisional Officers' Club.*

*The post commander at the time, Brig. Gen. R.E. Beebe, had as many as eight volunteer groups trying to hunt and kill the 70-pound reptile. After they failed to rid the lake of the alligator, the mission was handed over to Capt. Harry Keller (left), detachment commander, and Rock Hill native Cpl. Ulmer Hawllman (right, Hawllman's son Bruce is in the middle).*

*After four nights of setting out meat lures, they finally spotted the alligator swimming around the lake the night of Aug. 4. Hawllman blinded it with a flashlight and killed it with one shot from his rifle.*

*Hawllman was quoted as saying he was going to have a taxidermist stuff the hide of the "swimming suitcase."*

## Have a historical tidbit to share?

The *Leader* is seeking historical stories and photos to use in its weekly Marking Time section. Retirees, veterans and community members with an interesting fact, story, photo, artifact, etc. pertaining to Fort Jackson should e-mail [fjleader@conus.army.mil](mailto:fjleader@conus.army.mil).



## VTCs connect deployed troops, loved ones

**Susanne Kappler**  
Leader Staff

When Shelley Ray found out that her son Scott was going to be promoted to staff sergeant, she had mixed emotions. Of course, she was proud of her son, who has been in the Army for four years, but also sad that she could not be with him on that special day.

Scott, a Columbia native who serves with the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment at Fort Hood, Texas, has been deployed since November on his second tour of duty in Iraq as a tank crew member.

Even though she could not physically be with him, Ray was excited to learn she could witness her son's promotion via video teleconference at Fort Jackson.

"He called and said that (his commanding officers) were trying to arrange (the VTC) through Fort Jackson," Shelley said.

In addition to Shelley, Scott's two brothers and sister as well as their spouses and children were in attendance.

"We're all excited. This is a first. We haven't seen him since before he deployed in November," Shelley said before the start of the VTC.

The Ray family not only witnessed Scott's promotion ceremony, but also had the chance to see and talk to Scott for an hour.

The teleconference was set up by Aretha Williams, VTC specialist for the Directorate of Information Management. She explained that to have a VTC between deployed troops and family members arranged, the service member makes a request through his or her chain of command, which then coordinates the event with officials at Fort Jackson.

Williams mostly sets up VTCs for official business, but the ones connecting Soldiers with their families are special to her.

"I love doing the morale VTCs," she said. "The purpose of the morale VTCs is to reconnect family members. It allows family members to see their loved ones and see how well they're doing. Actually



Photos by Susanne Kappler

**Staff Sgt. Scott Ray (on screen) talks to his family during a recent video teleconference held in Baghdad and on Fort Jackson. VTCs may be requested by deployed service members through their chain of command.**

seeing someone is so much better than just talking to them over the telephone."

Shelley emphatically agrees.

"I just can't tell you how wonderful it was. He looks great, he sounds great, and we're so proud of him," she said. "To be given the opportunity to see him, giving him his new stripes, was just ... words can't describe, just incredible.

"We appreciate Fort Jackson's contributions to this as well as whoever coordinated on the other end in Iraq. It was just a win-win situation. We're very thankful for the opportunity."

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**VTC specialist Aretha Williams establishes the connection and makes sure the transmission works smoothly. She has been working at the VTC center since October and has been involved in several morale VTCs.**



# FEATURE

# Volunteering — Just do it!

**Susanne Kappler**  
*Leader Staff*

While Chundra Womack's husband was stationed at Fort Polk, La., she learned about Army Family Team Building from a friend who volunteered for the program.

The mother of three, a former Soldier herself, liked the idea of helping families who are new to the Army, so she started to volunteer. Two years later she is an AFTB volunteer at her husband's new duty station, Fort Jackson.

"It's funny, because (the friend who got me into volunteering) took the (AFTB training) levels with me and then she quit," Womack said.

Womack is one of more than 1,000 volunteers on Fort Jackson; about 40 percent of them are military spouses.

"The thing I like about the spouses is that they are not expecting anything in return," said Marilyn Bailey, Fort Jackson volunteer coordinator. "Some of them don't even want the awards that we have. It's totally personal satisfaction. And they're really passionate about volunteering, especially with the program that they're volunteering for."

There are a number of reasons for spouses to volunteer. Lorie Underwood, who serves as a housing mayor, said her main motivation was to help the community. But for many, it also offers the chance to apply their talents and to make new friends.

"I want to do something. Instead of doing stuff in my house, I (come here and get) together with other people," said Cecilia Co, who volunteers at the thrift shop.

Lyzsamarie Osorio serves as a housing mayor and also volunteers for Army Community Service and her children's school. She points out that in addition to con-

tributing to the community, volunteering also has benefits for the volunteers themselves.

"All the volunteer work that you do, it makes a lot of difference in your resume," she said.

This is especially important for military spouses, whose careers might suffer from frequently being on the move.

There are many opportunities to volunteer on Fort Jackson. Federal government agencies can request volunteers for specific jobs, but many volunteers work either for programs like AFTB or ACS or for private organizations like the American Red Cross or the thrift shop. Others are active in youth sports or schools.

"The only thing a volunteer cannot do is be a replacement for a paid position," Bailey said.

Although volunteers do not get paid for their services, there are rewards for their efforts.

"At different times of the year we get put in for awards. It's nice (for someone) to say, 'Hey, you know, you're appreciated,'" Underwood said.

Osorio finds it fulfilling to help people new to the Army and Fort Jackson.

"When a volunteer comes out and smiles at them and says, 'Welcome, can I help you?' it makes their day. And just doing that makes my day," she explained.

Womack has some advice for anyone who is considering volunteering.

"Just do it. If you want to start, come with me and see if you like it up here. If not, (...) they have many, many volunteer opportunities," she said. "I like doing AFTB — that may not be for you. But you can do (other things). There's something there for everybody to do — just do it."

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Photo by Susanne Kappler

**Jacquelyn Moore applies tags to consignment items at the thrift shop. Moore, a military spouse and mother of three, volunteers eight to 15 hours per week.**



# COMMUNITY HIGHLIGHTS

## This Week

### Commander's Referral Training

An Army Emergency Relief fund commander's referral training will be held 9-10:30 a.m., today at the Education Center, Room B303. This class is mandatory for all company commanders and first sergeants. Registration is free, but required. To register or for more information, call 751-5256/6325.

### Mini Job Fair

A mini job fair will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., today at the Education Center, third floor. For more information, call 751-5256.

### Kinder Gym

Kinder Gym will be held from 11 a.m. to noon, Friday at the Child and Youth Services Gym. For more information, call 751-5256/6325.

### Play Group

A Play Group will be held 10-11:30 a.m., Monday at the Child and Youth Services Gym. For more information or to register, call 751-5256/6325.

### Stress and Anger Workshop

A workshop on dealing with stress and anger will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Tuesday at the MG Robert B. Solomon Center, Marion Room. For more information or to register, call 751-5256/6325.

### La Leche Breastfeeding Group

A La Leche Breastfeeding Group will meet from 10 a.m. to noon, Tuesday at the Joe E. Mann Building Conference Room. For more information or to register, call 751-5256/6325.

### Quick Jobs Seminar

A seminar on quickly finding a job and earning credentials will be held from 9 a.m. to noon, Wednesday at the Education Center, Room B205. For more information and to register, call 751-6153/5452.

### Child Abuse Awareness Class

A class on child abuse awareness will be held from noon to 2 p.m., Wednesday at the Main Post Chapel. For more information and to register, call 751-6153/5452.

### Steps to Federal Employment

A workshop on federal employment will be held 1-3:30 p.m., Wednesday at the Education Center, Room B205. It will go through every step of the Army Resumix process for federal jobs. For more information and to register, call 751-6153/5452.

### Reassignment Briefing

A reassignment briefing will be held 1:30 p.m., Wednesday at the Strom Thurmond Building, Room 213.

The Phase II briefing (for overseas assignments only) will be held immediately following the Phase I briefing and is mandatory for all Soldiers scheduled to PCS overseas. For more information, call 751-5578.

### Phase II Levy Briefing

A Phase II Levy Briefing will be held 2:30-3 p.m., Wednesday at the Strom Thurmond Building, Room 213. For more information and to register, call 751-6153/5452.

### EFMP Bowling

The Exceptional Family Member Program will hold bowling night 5-7 p.m., Wednesday at Century Lanes Bowling Center. For more information and to register, call 751-6153/5452.

## Upcoming

### Personal Financial Readiness

A class on personal financial readiness will be held 8:30-10:30, May 8 at the Education Center, Room B302. For more information and to register, call 751-5256/6325.

### Blood Drive

A blood drive will be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., May 9 at the Directorate of Logistics headquarters building (2600 Lee Road). For more information and to register, call 360-2036.

### Family Child Care Orientation Training

Fort Jackson is in need of Family Child Care Providers. The next Family Child Care Orientation Training will be from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., May 12-15 at the Joe E. Mann Center.

Military spouses who are living in government quarters and DSS registered off-post child care providers may apply to become certified to provide child care to military families.

The application deadline is today. For more information, call 751-6234.

### Baby Basics/Baby Bundle/Dad 101

A Baby Basics/Baby Bundle/Dad 101 meeting will be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., May 13 at the Joe E. Mann Conference Room. For more information and to register, call 751-5256/6325.

### Autism Support Group

The Autism Support Group will meet 5:30-7:30 p.m., May 13 at the Youth Center Dance Room. For more information and to register, call 751-5256/6325.

### Employment Readiness Program Orientation

An employment readiness program orientation will be held from 8:30 a.m. to noon, May 14 at the Education Center, Room B205. The orientation will include

## Soldier achieves hawkeye status



Photo by Chris Rasmussen

*Pfc. Pham Legg, 23, Company D, 3rd Battalion, 60th Infantry Regiment, achieved Hawkeye status during weapons qualification April 24 at Range 17. Hawkeye is when a Soldier hits all 40 targets during qualification.*

information about employment, education and volunteer opportunities. For more information, call 751-6153/5452.

### Financial Readiness for First Termers

A class on financial readiness for first-term Soldiers will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., May 14 at the Education Center, Room B302. For more information and to register, call 751-5256/6325.

### Rear Detachment Commander's Course

A Rear Detachment Commander's Course will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., May 14-18 at Building 2562. For more information and to register, call 751-5256/6325.

### Parents Who Care (Teens)

A Parents Who Care (Teens) meeting will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., May 14 at the Joe E. Mann Conference Room. For more information and to register, call 751-5256/6325.

### ISFAC Meeting

The South Carolina Inter Service Family Assistance Council will hold a meeting from 9:30 a.m. to noon, May 15 at the American Legion, 200 Pickens St. For more information, call 751-7477 or e-mail [Ismael.Medina1@us.army.mil](mailto:Ismael.Medina1@us.army.mil).

### Armed Forces Day Army Fitness Challenge

A fitness challenge will be held as part of Armed Forces Day 8:30 a.m., May 17 at the Hilton Field Sports Complex. The event is open to the public, but teams must register by May 14. For more information, call 751-3096/7146.

### Reclamation Sale

The Fort Jackson Reclamation Sale will be held from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., May 19-23 at 2570 Warehouse Road. May 19 is open for E1 through E5; May 20 is open for training cadre; May 21 and 22 is open for all active duty Soldiers, May 23 is open for all active duty, Reserve and National Guard Soldiers. Sales are cash only.

### Commissary Awareness

Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers will hold a commissary awareness event, 7:30 a.m., May 19 at the commissary. For more information, call 751-1148.

### Overcoming Employment Obstacles

A seminar on how to overcome employment obstacles will be held from 9 a.m. to noon, May 21 at the Education Center, Room B205. For more information and to register, call 751-5452/6153.

### Asian-Pacific Heritage Luncheon

A luncheon celebrating Asian-Pacific Heritage Month will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., May 21 at the Officers' Club. Tickets cost \$9.25. For more information, e-mail [James.Tucker3@conus.army.mil](mailto:James.Tucker3@conus.army.mil).

### AG Corps Regimental Ball

Tickets for the Adjutant General Corps Regimental Ball are now on sale.

The tickets cost \$25 for E7 and above, \$20 for E5 and E6, and \$10 for E4 and below. The ball will begin at 6 p.m., June 6 at the NCO Club. Attire is dress blues or dress greens for military and formal wear for civilians.

Child care is available upon request. To RSVP or for more information, see a unit



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representative or call 751-5073 or e-mail [AG\\_Ball@jackson.army.mil](mailto:AG_Ball@jackson.army.mil).

## Announcements

### Car Wash

Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers will hold a car wash, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., May 9 across the street from the Welcome Center. For more information, call 751-1148.

### Garrison Gardeners

A new volunteer gardening group, “The Garrison Gardners” is open to all. The group will plant the garden in front of the Andrew Jackson statue and the flower bed at Gate 1. The first meeting is 9 a.m., Saturday by the Jackson statue. For more information and to register, call 381-8747.

### DOIM Closure

The Directorate of Information Management will be closed Friday for spring cleanup. For assistance, call 751-DOIM (3646).

### Vehicle Registration Closure

Vehicle Registration will close 11 a.m., May 9 for organizational day.

### Play With the Army Band

Do you think you have what it takes to sing or play with the 282nd Army “Victory” Band? If so, call 751-5038.

### Army Birthday Ball

The 2008 Army Birthday Ball will be held June 14 at the Washington D.C. Convention Center. All Army members, family members, Department of the Army civilians, retirees and veterans are invited. For information, visit <https://www.us.army.mil/suite/page/137983>.

### Reporting Abuse

Every Soldier and member of the military community should report information about known and suspected cases of spouse or child abuse to the military police. The 24-hour report line is 751-3113.

### Paid Youth Internship

The Fort Jackson Thrift Shop sponsors paid internships for military dependents 15-19 years old. The internship is for eight weeks in June and July. Applications are available at the Thrift Shop and need to be returned by Saturday.

### Car Club

A club for owners of antique vehicles at least 30 years old will hold its first meeting from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., May 15 at Twin Lakes. Owners are encouraged to bring their old-time cars. For more information, call 462-1497 (6-8:30 p.m.).

### Family Fest

A family fest for people with disabilities will be held Saturday in Denmark, S.C. For more information, visit [www.owlfamilyfest.net](http://www.owlfamilyfest.net).

### Freedom Alliance Offers Scholarships

The Freedom Alliance Scholarship Fund application period is now open. Scholarships are available to dependents of troops killed or permanently disabled in an operational mission or training accident.

## Recurring Meetings

### Weekly

**Walking Away Stress** meets at 9 a.m., Mondays and Fridays at the pecan orchard near the post office on Early Street. For a walking log or more information, call 751-6325.

**Play Group** meets 10-11:30 a.m., Mondays at 5953C Parker Lane. For more information, call 751-5256/6325.

**Range Control Briefing** is held at 1 p.m., Mondays and Fridays at the Education Center, Room 302. For more information, call 751-7171.

**Civil Air Patrol** meets at 7 p.m., Mondays at Owens Field and 7 p.m., Tuesdays at Columbia Metropolitan Airport. For more information, e-mail [cc@scwg.cap.gov](mailto:cc@scwg.cap.gov) or visit online at [www.scwg.cap.gov](http://www.scwg.cap.gov).

**Helping Everyone Reach Optimum Strength** meets 5-6 p.m., Tuesdays at Moncrief Army Community Hospital, seventh floor. It is open to combat veterans and their family members. For more information, call 751-2160/2183.

**Medical Board Office** is closed from 7:30 a.m. until 1 p.m., every Thursday. For information, call 751-0359/7152/7318.

**Protestant Women of the Chapel** meet Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Main Post Chapel. Homeschoolers are welcome and evening studies are available. Free child care is available. For information, e-mail [pwocjackson@yahoo.com](mailto:pwocjackson@yahoo.com).

**Overseas Travel Clinic** is held from 8:30 a.m. to noon, Fridays. For more information, call 751-5151.

**Military Widows/Widowers Association** meets at 2 p.m., Sundays at Moncrief Army Community Hospital, eighth floor. For more information, call 787-2469.

### Monthly

**Seabees** meet at 7 p.m., the second Monday of the month at the West Metro Chamber of Commerce and Visitors Center. Call 755-7792, 736-0841 or 755-0300 for more information.

**Fort Jackson Enlisted Spouses’ Association** meets at 6:30 p.m., the third Monday of each month at 5942E Thomas Court. For more information, call 665-4170 or e-mail [esa2005jf@yahoo.com](mailto:esa2005jf@yahoo.com).

**Sergeant Audie Murphy Club** meets at 11:30 a.m., the first Tuesday of the month at the Post Conference Room [www.jackson.army.mil/360/SA-MC/home.htm](http://www.jackson.army.mil/360/SA-MC/home.htm).

**Gastric Bypass Support Group** meets at 6 p.m., the second Tuesday of the month in the Moncrief Army Community Hospital eighth floor day room. For more information, call 751-0392.

**Disabled American Veterans** meet 6 p.m., the second Tuesday of the month at 511 Violet St., West Columbia. For information, call 796-7122.

**Fleet Reserve Association** Unit 202 meets at 1 p.m., the third Tuesday of the month at 2620 Lee Road. Call 482-4456 for information.

**“Victory Riders” Motorcycle Club** meets at 5 p.m., the first and third Thursdays of the month at Magruders Club. For information, e-mail [sec@fjvictoryriders.com](mailto:sec@fjvictoryriders.com).

**Society of American Military Engineers** meets 11:30 a.m., the fourth Thursday of the month. For information, call 254-0518 or 765-0320.

**Diabetes Support Group** meets at 6 p.m., the last Thursday of the month in the Moncrief Army Community Hospital fourth floor dining facility. For information or to register, call 751-2501.

**MEDPROS training** will be held 1-4 p.m., the third Friday of the month, at the hospital, Room 9-83. For more information or to register, e-mail [Jaclynne.Smith@amedd.army.mil](mailto:Jaclynne.Smith@amedd.army.mil).

**Retired Enlisted Association** meets at 5:30 p.m., the third Friday of the month at the hospital, third floor. For information, call 740-2319 or e-mail [jroders11@sc.rr.com](mailto:jroders11@sc.rr.com).

**U.S. Navy Sea Cadets**, for 11-18 year olds, meet the third weekend of the month. For information call 622-8707.

To submit a recurring meeting, e-mail the name of the group, when and where the meeting takes place and contact information to [fjleader@jackson.army.mil](mailto:fjleader@jackson.army.mil).

The application deadline is July 18. For more information, call (800) 475-6620 or visit [www.fascholarship.com](http://www.fascholarship.com).

### AUSA Offers Scholarships

The Fort Jackson — Palmetto Chapter of the Association of the United States Army offers \$500 merit-based scholarships. Scholarships are available to dependents of members of the Fort Jackson — Palmetto Chapter of the AUSA.

The recipients will be announced in May. For more

information, e-mail [c3601@ausa.org](mailto:c3601@ausa.org).

### ChildFind Early Childhood Screenings

Parents who live on post and have concerns about their child’s development regarding speaking, thinking, moving, social and emotional skills or daily living skills can schedule a ChildFind screening appointment for possible special education services. For more information or to schedule a screening, call 782-1772.

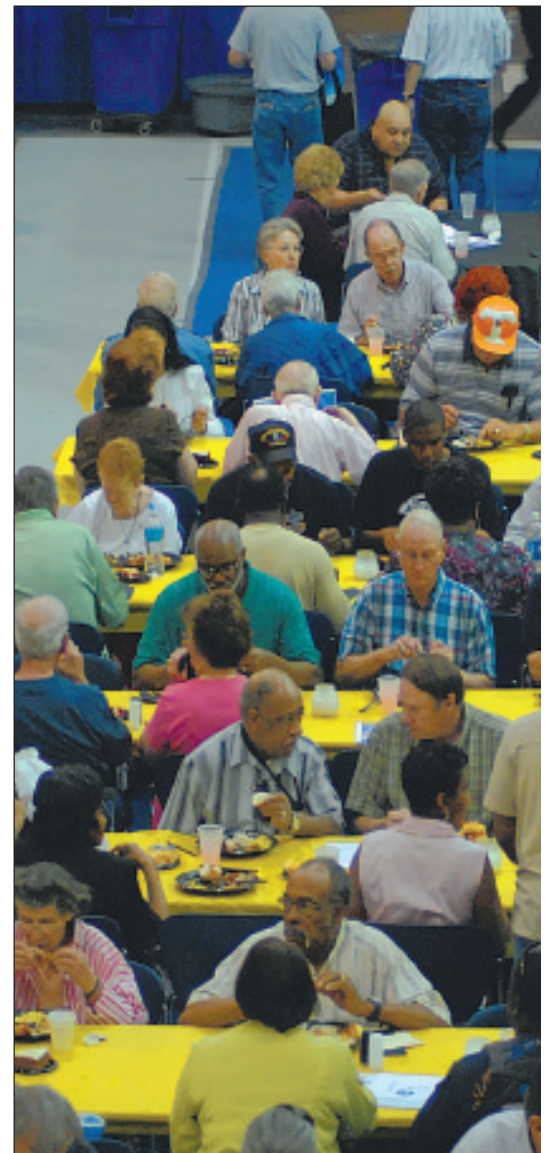


# *Retiree App*

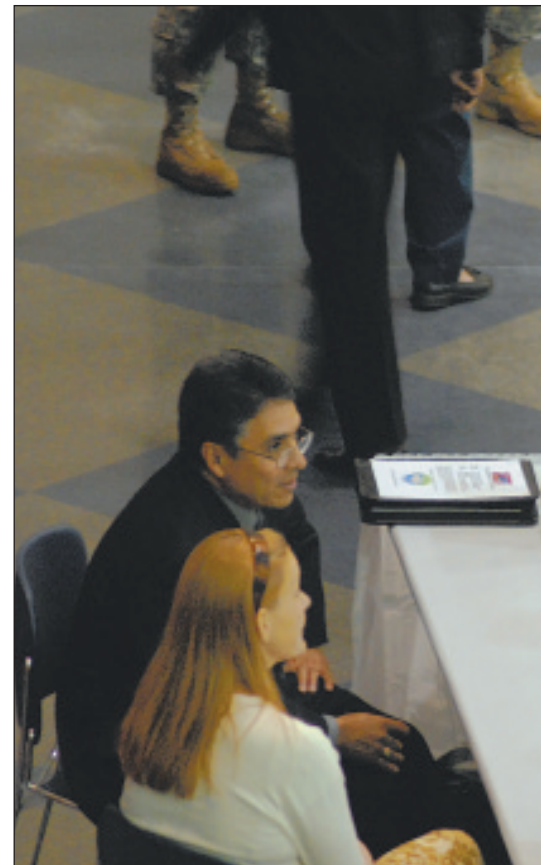


*Army retiree and Purple Heart recipient William Salley bows his head for the invocation during the Retiree Recognition Ceremony on Darby Field Saturday.*

Photos by Susanne Kappler



*Retirees and their family members enjoy lunch d Saturday. The expo drew a crowd of more than 1,*



*A member of The Retired Enlisted Association booths during the Retiree Expo and Health Fair.*



# Appreciation Days 2008



Lunch during the Retiree Expo and Health Fair at the MG Robert B. Solomon Center. More than 1,000.

**Susanne Kappler**  
Leader Staff

Some of the retirees attending the Retiree Recognition Ceremony on Darby Field Saturday have been retired from military service for more than 40 years. No matter how much time has passed, though, having served the United States creates a bond among all service members.

For Gerald Fryer, an Army retiree who received a Purple Heart during the Vietnam War, attending the ceremony is an expression of that connection.

"This is our way of saying, 'Thank you,' and letting the troops know we appreciate what they're doing," he said.

The appreciation is mutual.

2nd Lt. Sorepa Pakileata-Gallahar, 369th Adjutant General Battalion, who was one of a number of active duty Soldiers who attended the ceremony, said she came to show her support for the retirees.

The ceremony was part of Fort Jackson's Retiree Appreciation Days, which were held Friday and Saturday. More than 1,600 retirees and family members gathered on Fort Jackson to attend the event, which featured golf and bowling tournaments, a dinner and dance, the Retiree Recognition Ceremony and the Retiree Expo and Health Fair.

Jerry Browning, who served on active duty with the Army as well as in the National Guard and in the Army Reserve, made the trip all the way from Johnson City, Tenn.

"(My wife and I) went to Fort Campbell, Ky., last year for retiree days and we decid-

ed to come down here this year. I was here in 1963 (for basic training) and hadn't been back since," he said.

More than 1,000 participants attended the Retiree Expo and Health Fair, which included health tests and screenings as well as information booths from numerous organizations. Lunch was provided by the Directorate of Morale, Welfare and Recreation.

James Bailey, who retired after 35 years of combined service in the Air Force and the Army, appreciated the services available during the Expo.

"I come here to stay abreast of all the benefits, for some of the medical tests they run and to get information brochures. And I always enjoy a good meal and the fellowship," he said.

For Hardin "Bobby" Jones, however, nothing could beat his experience during the golf tournament. The Army retiree scored a hole-in-one on the par-3, 151-yard sixth hole.

"I guess I have to live up to my name," he joked in reference to golf legend Bobby Jones.

Another highlight of the event was Friday's no-tap bowling tournament at Century Lanes Bowling Center. Walter Greene, an avid bowler who has been retired from the Army for almost 10 years, came out for the fun and camaraderie.

"This is my first time (in the tournament)," he said. "Somehow, I missed it before. I saw it in the newspaper this year and thought, 'Why not?'"

Albert Brackett, retirement services officer for the Directorate of Human Resources, was pleased with the two-day event.

"The 2008 Retiree Appreciation Days celebration was a huge success. The overall attendance (numbers) exceeded (those of) last year's event," he said. "Many of the retirees stated that they really enjoyed every aspect of the event and are looking forward to attending the RADs that are hosted on other installations."

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Retiree appreciation looks at the pamphlets on display at one of the information booths at the Fair.



James Pearson, National Guard retiree, releases the ball during the Retiree Appreciation Days' bowling tournament Friday at Century Lanes Bowling Center.



## Army Family Covenant Update

# More services available to family members

**Theresa O'Hagan**

*Morale, Welfare and Recreation*

The Army Family Covenant has allowed Child and Youth Services to provide more services to families of deployed Soldiers at reduced fees and for many at no cost.

Eligible CYS patrons are no longer required to pay a registration fee.

In response to the need for extended child care, the Fort Jackson Youth Center extended its operating hours and is now open weekdays from 4:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturdays from 5 a.m. to 6 p.m. for mission-related child care.

Scales Avenue Child Development Center also extended its operating hours. It is open weekdays from 4:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Saturdays from 5 a.m. to 6 p.m. for mission-related child care.

To use either service's extended hours, documentation from the sponsor's unit is needed to verify the work hours. The additional operating hours are provided at no additional cost as long as they are for mission-related care and Army Family Covenant funding is available to offset the costs.

Other community members interested in using the extended operating hours (including the Saturday hours) may do so. However, there will be a cost for the care (hourly or daily depending on the number of hours used).

Families using respite care through the Exceptional Family Member Program may also use the Saturday hours. For hourly reservations, please contact the Scales Avenue center at 751-6221.

Through the EFMP and the Army Family Covenant, families enrolled in EFMP can now get up to 40 hours a month of respite care.

Under the Army Family Covenant, any person attending a Family Readiness Group meeting or event, with the exception of fundraising events, is entitled to free child care.

"It is up to the FRG leader to make arrangements for the child care," said Rose Edmond, chief, CYS. In the past, only FRG leaders were entitled to free child care, now everyone participating in an FRG event is eligible.

Patron eligibility categories for deployment cycle support, are defined below:

### All mission levels

- Free hourly care during mandatory deployment meetings.
- Free hourly care during FRG meetings.
- Fee reduction for hourly care (\$3.50 per hour reduced to \$2 per hour) used beyond hours of free monthly respite care.

**Mission Level 1:** Families of deployed military and Department of Defense civilians.

- Free respite care up to 16 hours (per child per month) during the deployment cycle (30 days prior to deployment through 60 days after deployment).
- Full day or part day 20 percent fee reduction.
- Up to two free CYS team or individual sports per child.
- Up to four free SKIES classes per

child (maximum eight weeks per class).

**Mission Level 2:** Families of military and DoD civilians serving under the following orders: Temporary Change of Station and Permanent Change of Station unaccompanied tour and Temporary Duty status for 90-179 days

- Free respite care up to 16 hours (per child per month) during designated eligibility period (not available for TDY status).
- One free CYS team or individual sport per child.
- Up to two free SKIES classes per child (maximum eight weeks per class).

**Mission Level 3:** Rear detachment cadre (as identified on Rear Detachment Personnel Availability Report).

- Free respite care up to five hours (per child per month) during designated support assignment.
- One free CYS team or individual sport per child.
- Up to two free SKIES classes per child (maximum eight weeks per class).

**Wounded Warriors:** Families of Army wounded warriors, warriors in transition and severely disabled and fallen Soldiers (includes children of warriors in transition and caregivers who are non ID-card holders)

- Free respite care up to 16 hours (per child per month) during designated eligibility period.
- Free hourly care for medical appointments as approved by the Warrior in Transition Unit commander or the Army wounded warrior representative.

— Category 1 fees for regularly scheduled program (full day and part day) as approved by the WTU commander or Army wounded warrior representative.

- Up to two free CYS team or individual sports per child.
- Up to four free SKIES classes per child (maximum eight weeks per class).

### Fallen Warriors:

- Free respite care up to 16 hours (per child per month) during designated eligibility period.
- Additional 40 hours of free care per child for the immediate family of deceased during the period from notification to four weeks after burial.
- Category 1 fees for regularly scheduled program (full day and part day).
- Up to two free CYS team or individual sports per child.
- Up to four free SKIES classes per child (maximum eight weeks per class).
- Group child care at no cost for memorial services for all attendees.

For free registration or re-registration, patrons need to provide proof of eligibility for CYS programs.

To access deployment cycle support, patrons need to submit a copy of their orders or their sponsors' orders to their program director if already enrolled or to the Central Enrollment Office when registering for services.

Free services and fee reductions are not retroactive.

For more information about the available services, call 751-1672.



### Today

**Southern Style Lunch Buffet**, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Officers' Club. The buffet is open to everyone.

Visit **Century Lanes** for food, fun and bowling.

Play in the **First Friday Tournament**, starting at 1 p.m. at the Fort Jackson Golf Club.

### Friday

Play **Victory Bingo** and win prizes up to \$15,000. There are guaranteed \$50 payouts.

**Artistic Expression with Jake** begins at 6:30 p.m. at the Youth Center Teen Room.

**Dance** to a variety of music provided by DJ Randall at **Magraders Club** from 9 p.m. to 3 a.m. The club is located in the back of Magraders Pub and the cover charge is \$3 for military and \$5 for civilians.

### Saturday

**Step Team practice** begins at 2 p.m. at the Youth Center Dance Room.

Play in the **Couples Tournament**, starting at 3 p.m.

at the Fort Jackson Golf Club.

Enjoy **Blacklight Bowling** at Century Lanes, 9-11:30 p.m. Register to win a Wii. Get a strike when the green pin is in the head position and you could win up to \$100.

The NCO Club presents **Classic Soul Saturday** from 9:30 p.m. to 2 a.m. in the Excalibur Room. The cover charge is \$3 for military and \$5 for civilians. Live broadcasts from the BIG DM 101.3 with giveaways will be held 9:30-11 p.m.

### Sunday

Come to **brunch** from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Officers' Club.

**Family Day at the Youth Center** will be held 2-6 p.m.

### Monday

The **NCO Club** presents a **full lunch buffet**, featuring fried chicken or fish, fresh vegetables, a full salad bar, soup, assorted desserts and a beverage from 11 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. for \$7.

### Tuesday

**Movie Night** begins at 6 p.m. at the Youth Center in

the Teen Room.

Enjoy **free movies** every Tuesday at Magraders Pub.

### Wednesday

Be a sensation with **Karaoke with Tom Marable** at **Magraders Club** at 7:30 p.m. Cover charge is \$3 for military and \$5 for civilians.

### Ongoing Offers

- The **NCO Club lunch buffet** is served from 11 a.m. to 1:15 p.m., daily. The cost is \$7 for adults and \$3.75 for children.
- The **NCO Club breakfast** is served 6-9 a.m., Monday through Friday. The cost for adults is \$7 and \$3.75 for children 4-10 years old.
- The **Officers' Club specializes in catering** wedding receptions, anniversaries, promotions and other special occasions.
- The **NCO Club caters** to all your needs: dining in, dining out, promotions, breakfasts, meetings, birthdays, weddings, graduation, retirements and other special occasions.
- **Victory Travel** has special offers for a variety of dinner shows and attractions. Some require reservations. Stop by Victory Travel in the MG Robert B. Solomon Center for more information on available discounts.



# HEALTH

## TRICARE covers Guard and Reserve troops

### TRICARE Management Activity

Recent media reports suggest National Guard and Reserve deployments will continue. TRICARE is fulfilling the behavioral health needs of these service members and their families, even when they are not activated.

National Guard and Reserve members who receive delayed active duty orders for more than 30 consecutive days in support of a contingency operation (during a war or during a national emergency declared by the president or Congress) may be eligible for “early” TRICARE benefits before activation.

Eligible Reserve component members and their families can obtain behavioral health services for up to 90 days before they deploy if needed. The timeline for

access to care depends on when the service member’s orders are cut.

During activation, National Guard and Reserve members have access to the same benefits, services and programs as active duty service members and should seek behavioral health services from their operational health asset or at a military treatment facility.

If services are not available at the MTF, the service member can seek treatment from an authorized network provider with a referral from his or her primary care manager.

Prime enrolled family members can receive the first eight outpatient behavioral health care visits per fiscal year (Oct. 1-Sept. 30) from a network provider without a referral from a PCM or prior authorization

from their managed care support contractor.

Upon deactivation, National Guard and Reserve members may qualify for Transitional Assistance Management Program coverage. The 180-day TAMP period begins on the Guard or Reserve member’s separation date. Those covered under TAMP are eligible for TRICARE Standard/Extra or Prime (where available) and have access to TRICARE’s behavioral health-care benefits under that plan.

Deactivated Guard and Reserve members and their families losing TRICARE eligibility and transitioning to civilian care can purchase coverage under the Continued Health Care Benefits Program.

This premium-based program allows members to purchase coverage for up to

18 months after loss of eligibility; certain family members have up to 36 months coverage. The benefits are similar to TRICARE Standard.

Members of the Selected Reserve who purchase TRICARE Reserve Select coverage are eligible for similar behavioral health benefits to TRICARE Standard or Extra. TRS beneficiaries can seek outpatient behavioral health services from TRICARE-authorized providers without a referral for the first eight visits. Authorization is required for the ninth outpatient visit to continue treatment.

For more information, visit [www.humana-military.com](http://www.humana-military.com) and click on “AchieveSolutions.” Visit [www.military-onesource.com](http://www.military-onesource.com) for additional behavioral health services.

## RNs recognized

**Maj. Jack Holford**

*Moncrief Army Community Hospital*

Moncrief Army Community Hospital will join the South Carolina Nurses Association Tuesday in celebrating National RN Recognition Day. National RN day is part of National Nurses Week, which is May 6-12 every year.

The purpose of National RN Recognition Day is to raise awareness of the value of nursing and to help educate the public about the role nurses play in meeting public health care needs.

In honor of the dedication, commitment and effort of the nearly 2.9 million registered nurses nationwide to promote and maintain the health of this nation, the SCNA and MACH will recognize MACH’s registered nurses for the quality work they provide around the clock.

Nurses at MACH will celebrate Nurses Week with daily special events at the hospital. Everyone is invited to come and celebrate MACH’s nursing staff.

### Nurses Week events:

- Monday, Prayer Breakfast, 7-8 a.m., chapel
- Tuesday, Iron Chef Bake/Cook off, 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., eighth floor day room
- Wednesday, Nursing Grand Rounds, noon to 1 p.m., staff conference room
- May 8, Ice Cream Social, 2-3:30 p.m., dining facility
- May 8, Medical Career Fair, 2-3:30 p.m., dining facility
- May 9, Picnic on the Lawn, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., gazebo

## MACH help desk services centralized

**Shannon Carabajal**

*USAMITC*

Help desk services for Moncrief Army Community Hospital will be handled by the U.S. Army Medical Information Technology Center Enterprise Service Desk beginning Friday.

This transition streamlines the help desk process, enables continuous quality improvement and moves the Army Medical Department’s IT service management one step closer toward optimal service delivery.

The ESD is a consolidated, standard, stable and secure centralized service desk streamlining the help desk process by tiering levels of support and offering assistance around the clock.

It is being deployed throughout the entire Medical Command infrastructure, an important move that will result in significant efficiency improvements and cost savings for the command.

“If they have an IT issue, they’re going to call one number or send an e-mail to one e-mail address, and they’re going to get the same level of service no matter where they are,” said Joe Nystel, ESD operations manager.

Nystel added that having a consolidated service desk will improve the level of service users now have.

“We quickly resolve most calls we get remotely,” he said. “We take the call volume away from the hospitals, which frees up their IT staff to work the hardware issues

and the stuff requiring an onsite visit.”

All users will have direct 24-hour telephone and e-mail access to ESD service agents. The current first-call resolution rate is 60 percent and, with an average talk time of approximately eight minutes, most users’ problems are resolved quickly. In-depth escalation support for issues requiring vendor support is available when necessary.

Technicians assist users with a broad range of issues, including desktop support; connectivity and configuration problems; mailbox configurations; and distributing software and tracking licenses for the enterprise.

Nystel added that because the ESD can handle smaller issues, such as password resets, e-mail problems and application reinstalls, the technicians onsite can provide quicker desk-side service to the user.

A unified service desk team with shared knowledge also allows information management divisions a single reporting point to better understand their true workload.

The ESD successfully completed a pilot program at Carl R. Darnall Army Medical Center at Fort Hood, Texas, in 2006, demonstrating that a centralized service desk can effectively provide consistent, high-quality IM/IT support services on an enterprise level.

Hospital employees requiring assistance with an IT issue should contact the USAMITC ESD at 800US-AMITC@amedd.army.mil or 1-800-USAMITC. For more information about the ESD deployment, visit <https://mitc.amedd.army.mil/C3/ESD>.

## Health Talks

*To have a professional staff member from MEDDAC address a group on health care subjects or preventive medicine, call the health promotion coordinator at 751-5035 or the Department of Quality Management at 751-2501.*

## Pharmacies open Saturdays

On-post pharmacies are open Saturdays for customer convenience. The main hospital pharmacy is open from 7:30 a.m. to noon and the refill pharmacy is open from 9 a.m. to noon. To refill a prescription: call toll-free (866) 489-0950; call 751-2250; or visit online at <http://www.moncrief.amedd.army.mil>.



# CHAPEL

## Spend time on things that matter

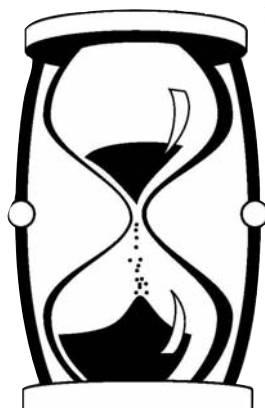
**Chaplain (Capt.) Justin Murphy**  
1st Battalion, 61st Infantry Regiment

Every morning I wake up, do PT and drive myself to work. At the end of the day I leave work and drive home. Every evening, I notice that my gas gauge is just a little lower than it was in the morning.

It both fascinates me and startles me that time is always taking away. I can't drive my car without it taking some gas, I can't go very long without becoming hungry with the need of nourishment; I cannot use a piece of time without it using a piece of my youth.

I believe time helps us to put life in perspective. The fact that God has granted us a time on Earth and a time we will be called out of this world should help us understand what is important in life.

Whether the Carolina Panthers will make the playoffs next



year, or whether we have the latest cell phone is interesting, but not worthy of consuming our entire lives.

With this in mind, be sure to spend time with your friends and family. Even if they tend to get on your nerves,

they will make life much richer than gold and cash ever could.

And most important, spend time with God. Be sure to give thanks for the many good things he has done for you, even if things are not looking great at the moment.

Pray for your own needs and the needs of others; it's always nice to know that others care enough to pray for you.

Be sure to spend time in his word. God has not left us without guidance.

Time is precious, be sure to use it for the stuff that really matters.

### PWOC Bible Study

PWOC meets Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Main Post Chapel. For information e-mail [pwocjackson@yahoo.com](mailto:pwocjackson@yahoo.com).

## Worship services

### Protestant

- Sunday 8 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. Daniel Circle Chapel (Gospel)  
8 a.m. Bayonet Chapel (Hispanic)  
9:00 and 10:30 a.m. Magruder Chapel  
9:30 a.m. Main Post Chapel  
10:45 a.m. Post-wide Sunday School (Post Chapel)  
11 a.m. Daniel Circle Chapel  
11 a.m. Memorial Chapel  
11 a.m. Chapel Next  
Chaplain School
  - Wednesday 7 p.m. Gospel Mid-week Service Daniel Circle Chapel
- PROTESTANT BIBLE STUDY**
- Monday 7 p.m. Women's Bible Study (PWOC - Post Chapel, Class 209)
  - Wednesday 7 p.m. Anderson Street Chapel  
7 p.m. Daniel Circle Chapel  
7 p.m. Gospel Congregation's Youth (Daniel Circle Chapel)
  - Thursday 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study (PWOC, Post Chapel)  
6 p.m. Neighborhood CMF/OCF Bible Study (Call 790-4699)  
7 p.m. LDS Bible Study (Anderson Chapel)
  - Saturday 8 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast (Post Chapel, every second Saturday of the month in Chapel Fellowship Hall)

### PROTESTANT YOUTH OF THE CHAPEL

- Sunday 5 p.m. Daniel Circle Chapel (1st & 3rd Sundays)
- Wednesday 6:30 p.m. Main Post Chapel

### Lutheran/Episcopalian

- Sunday 8 a.m. Memorial Chapel

### Islamic

- Sunday 8-10 a.m. Islamic Studies
- Friday 12:30-1:45 p.m. Jumrah Services (both — Main Post Chapel)

### Church of Christ

- Sunday 11:30 a.m. Anderson Chapel

### Catholic

- M-F 11:30 a.m. Mass (Post Chapel)
- Sunday 8 a.m. Mass (Solomon Center)  
11 a.m. Mass (Main Post Chapel)  
9:30 a.m. Mass (120th AG Battalion Chapel)  
9:30 a.m. CCD (Education Center)  
9:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School  
12:30 a.m. Catholic Youth Ministry
- Wednesday 7 p.m. Rosary  
7:30 p.m. RCIA/Adult Inquiry

### Jewish

- Sunday 9:30-10:30 a.m. Memorial Chapel  
10:30-11:30 a.m. Jewish Book Study (Post Conference Room)

### Latter Day Saints

- Sunday 9:30-11 a.m. Anderson St. Chapel

### Addresses, phone numbers

**Daniel Circle Chapel** — 3359 Daniel Circle, Corner of Jackson Blvd., 751-4216  
**Main Post Chapel** — 4580 Strom Thurmond Blvd., corner of Scales Ave., 751-6469  
**Bayonet Chapel** — 9476 Kemper St., 751-4542  
**Family Life Chaplain** - 4850 Strom Thurmond Blvd. (inside of Main Post Chapel), 751-5780  
**Anderson St. Chapel** — 2335 Anderson St., Corner of Jackson Blvd., 751-7032  
**Education Center** — 4581 Scales Ave.  
**Magruder Chapel** — 4360 Magruder Ave., 751-3883  
**120th Rec. Bn. Chapel** — 1895 Washington St., 751-5086  
**Memorial Chapel** — 4470 Jackson Blvd., 751-7324

# FIRST RESPONDER



The following are incidents compiled from reports, complaints or information received from the Fort Jackson Provost Marshal Office.

The incidents reflected are not an adjudication attesting to the guilt or innocence of any person and are provided for informational and reflective purposes only.

**Lt. Col. Greg Vibber**

*Director, Emergency Services/Provost Marshal*

**Sgt. Maj. Allen Taylor Jr.**

*Provost Sergeant Major*

**Billy Forrester**

*Fire Chief*

### Cases of the Week

A Soldier was arrested in connection with the theft of a bank card and \$840 cash from other Soldiers. The bank card was used to withdraw \$400 from an ATM, Military Police said. The money and bank card were returned to their owners. The Soldier was processed and released to his unit.

During a traffic stop, Military Police dis-

covered that the license plates on a Soldier's car were reported stolen. The Soldier admitted to having removed the license plates from another vehicle and putting them on his own.

An illegal immigrant tried to enter the installation with a fake ID card. He was transported to the PMO for processing.

### Tip of the Week

Always observe these rules when using a grill:

— Charcoal and gas grills must be closely monitored to ensure safe use.

— Grills must be located at least 10 feet from any structure or building.

— Never use a charcoal or gas grill inside a building.

— When cooking, never leave a grill unattended.

— Never store charcoal, lighter fluid or propane tanks inside a building. Store these items outside or in a flammable storage cabinet.

**crimestoppers**  
1-888-559-TIPS  
[www.midlandcrimestoppers.com](http://www.midlandcrimestoppers.com)

### Traffic enforcement

Posted speed limits will be enforced through Sunday on Marion Avenue; May 5-11 on Chesnut Road; May 12-18 on Hampton Parkway; May 19-25 on Boyden Arbor Road; and May 26-June 1 on Lee Road.

## FORCE PROTECTION THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

**If it seems strange...DON'T OPEN IT!!!**



**If you receive a suspicious letter or package, follow these four steps:**

- 1** Handle with care. Don't shake or bump
- 2** Isolate it immediately
- 3** Don't open, smell, touch or taste.
- 4** Treat it as suspect. Call the MPs immediately — 751-3114/3115

# Law Day special: ‘Rule of law’ explained

**Capt. Richard Donaldson**  
*Legal Assistance Attorney*

Today is the 50th anniversary of Law Day. Law Day is “a day of national dedication to the principle of government under law,” as proclaimed by President Eisenhower in 1958. Since then, each year’s Law Day focus has been on a particular aspect of governance by law. However, this year we revisit the concept of the “rule of law.”

Somewhat ubiquitous, the “rule of law” is often referenced as an over-arching principle that serves as one of the foundations for the government, much akin to ideas such as “freedom” and “democracy.” Still, it is rarely defined. Perhaps this is because the “Rule of Law” is so ever-present in our lives.

Since the “rule of law” is so expansive, one can run into a quandary when trying to define it without using circular reasoning.

To help with this, it is perhaps best to define what the “rule of law” is not: the rule of man. This is to say that law, applied objectively, is the ultimate arbiter of justice and governance, versus a person or people.



Another way to decipher the “rule of law” is to identify common values and principles society bases its governance on.

Themes, such as separation of powers, checks and balances, etc., are fundamental components of government. However, the “rule of law” expands, as a concept, beyond merely a form of government. There are common threads in a society ruled by law.

These include the ideas of transparency, notice and accountability in the legal process. Laws are made with the input of the governed people, through either representation or democracy and should reflect the basic normative values of that society.

Legal procedures require notice to the people of what the law is and how it operates.

The law is thus accessible to the people to whom it applies, as well as objective and fair in its application.

The system, through appeals, is accountable to the people. Accountability, including checks and balances, ensures not only the fairness of the legal system to the people, but the independence of the legal system from sources of intra-governmental influence. Thus, the

## Operation Hours

Fort Jackson’s Legal Assistance Office is located in the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, 9475 Ker-shaw Road, and is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Mon-days through Thursdays. Appointments can be made by calling 751-4287.

The office accepts walk-ins for living wills, health care powers of attorney and durable powers of attorney, 1:30-4 p.m, Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Walk-ins are welcome for general legal questions and are accepted 9-11 a.m., Thursdays.

adage “No one is above law, nor below it.”

The “rule of law” touches everyone’s life every day. It affects each person’s way of life, through safety, employ-ment, health, education, governance, etc. Law is a dy-namic, ever-changing process and should adapt to the relative changes in society.

To celebrate Law Day, the Fort Jackson Office of the Staff Judge Advocate will close Friday at noon.

The Fort Jackson Legal Assistance Office provides legal services to eligible service members and their de-pendents. For more information, call 751-4287.



# SPORTS/FITNESS

## ‘Long Drive’ expanded for second season

**Tim Hipps**  
FMWRC Public Affairs

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — It’s about time for the Army’s big hitters to start swinging for the 2008 Military Long Drive Championship Presented by 7UP.

U.S. Coast Guard Airman Ryan Hixson won the inaugural event organized by the Army Family and Morale, Welfare and Recreation Command with a drive of 367 yards. He earned \$10,000 and a berth in the 2008 RE/MAX World Long Drive Championship in Mesquite, Nev.

“Unbelievable,” said Hixson, who prevailed against four other finalists under the lights in Mesquite and more than 650 competitors at 25 qualifying sites. “To have an opportunity to come out here and be treated the way we’ve been treated, and then to come away with a victory, it’s overwhelming.”

The finals of the Military Long Drive Championship will be contested on the same grid and weekend as the World Long Drive Championship — in a desert oasis resort town where the best in the business of tape-measure tee shots congregate annually to crown their champions.

The field for the 2008 military finals has been expanded to six competitors who will square off Oct. 23 in Mesquite. The champion will win \$10,000 and an exemption into the 2009 RE/MAX World Long Drive Championship, which means another all-expenses-paid trip to Mesquite.

The object is to drive a golf ball as far as possible, while remaining in bounds.

“You’ve got to balance it,” Hixson said. “In the finals, I hit one 366 in the grid and was pretty comfortable with that, so I felt like I could just rear back and let it go. Then again, when you swing that way, it’s kind of tough to hit the grid.”

Local winners will advance to four second-round qualifying venues where they will compete for spots in the Military Long Drive Championship at Mesquite.

The competition is open to all active-duty service members, Reservists, National Guardsmen, retirees and family members 18 and older from all branches of the military.

Twenty-seven sites currently are set for first-round competitions between July 11 and Aug. 31.

Dates and times will be determined by officials at each respective site.

The following installations will host first-round competitions: Fort Dix, N.J.; Fort Lee, Va.; Fort Meade, Md.; Carlisle Barracks, Pa.; Schofield Barracks, Hawaii; Fort Benning, Fort Gordon and Fort McPherson, Ga.; Fort Bragg, N.C.; Fort Campbell and Fort Knox, Ky.; Fort Jackson, S.C.; Fort Wainwright, Alaska; Fort Carson, Colo.; Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.; Fort Lewis, Wis.; Fort Riley, Kan.; Fort Bliss, Fort Hood and Fort Sam Houston, Texas; Fort Huachuca, Ariz.; Fort Sill, Okla.; Heidelberg, Stuttgart and Wiesbaden, Germany; and Camp Casey and Yongsan, Korea.

The second-round sites have not been finalized. For more information, visit [www.ArmyMWR.com](http://www.ArmyMWR.com).

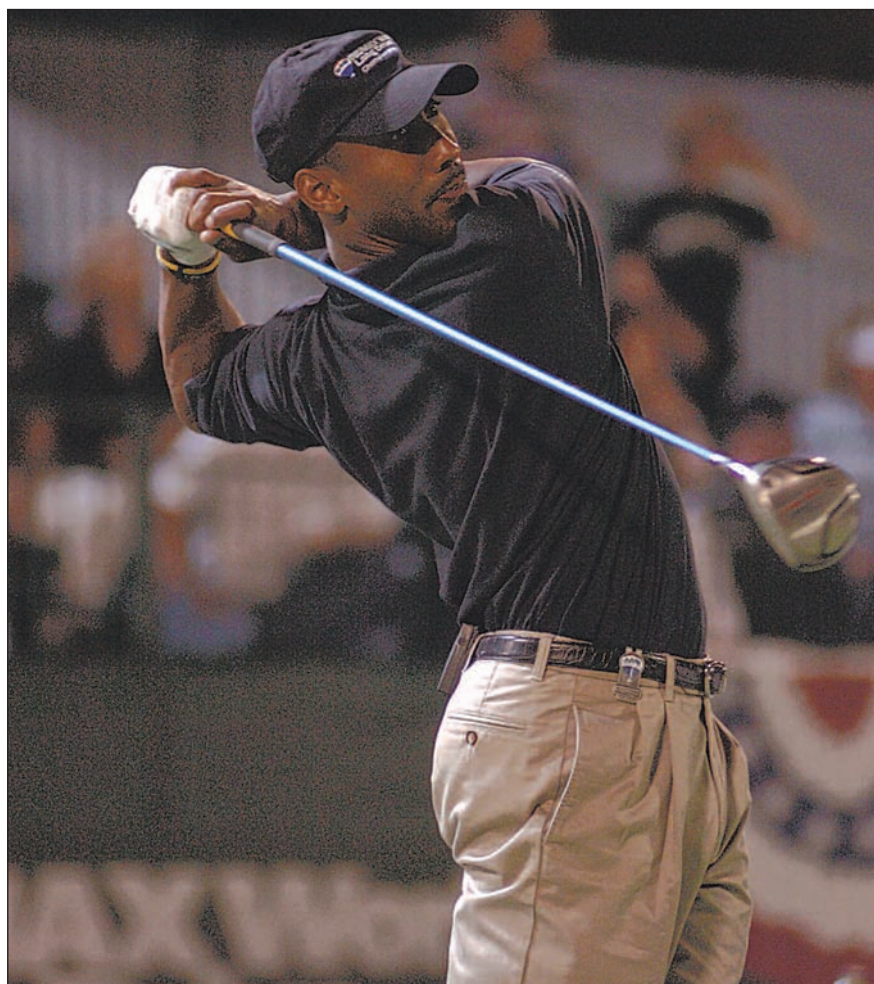


Photo by Tim Hipps, FMWRC

**Sgt. 1st Class John Merritt of the Human Resources Command, competes in the finals of the 2007 Military Long Drive Championship in Mesquite, Nev. First-round competitions in the 2008 Military Long Drive Championship will be hosted by 27 installations, including Fort Jackson, July 11 through Aug. 31.**

### On a rope



Photo by Susanne Kappler

**Josh Briles with the Christian Players, drives the ball as Clayton Coleman (right), catcher for Victory Support Battalion, and umpire Craig Berry look on. VSB won the game Monday at Hilton Field Softball Complex, 8-5. In other softball action Monday, the Roughnecks overwhelmed 282nd Army Band, 18-3, and 3-13 edged out MWR, 12-11.**

### Sports Briefs

#### Volunteer Coaches Needed

Volunteer coaches for youth sports are needed. Experience is desired, but not mandatory. Volunteers get the “coaches discount,” when their own children also play sports — 100 percent for the first child; 50 percent for each additional child. For more information or to volunteer, call 751-5040.

#### Pitch, Hit & Run

A Pitch, Hit and Run Competition will be held at 10 a.m., Saturday at the Youth Sports Complex. The event is open to children 7-14 years old by July 17. Parents must have a copy of each child’s birth certificate. For more information, call 751-5040.

#### Strongman Competition

Deadline to register for the May 17 Strongman Competition is May 8.

#### Youth Baseball

Registration is ongoing for youth baseball. The season runs through June. T-ball is open for 3-5 year olds; coach pitch is open for 6-8 years old; and Little League is open for 9 years old and up. The fee is \$40, but additional children from the same family cost \$36. The fee includes a jersey, hat and trophy.

#### Youth Swim Team

The Youth Sports swim team is accepting registrations until June 9 for children 6-18 years old who can swim 25 meters. Practices will be held 8-9 a.m., Monday through Friday at either Legion Pool or Knight Pool. The cost is \$65 for the first child and \$58.50 for each additional child from the same family.

**For youth sports, call 751-5610/5040; For golf information, call 787-4437/4344; For sports information, call 751-3096.**



# C L A S S I F I E D S

## 100 Announcements

For Rent: Beautiful covered space for motor home, camping trailer or 12x60 mobile home. It has a 12x50 covered porch. Very private w/lots of shade trees. Not a mobile home park. 15 minutes from Fort Jackson. Call 735-0657.

The American Legion Post 195 of Lugoff invites all honorably discharged veterans and current military to their next meeting, Thursday, May 22nd at 7:30 p.m. Please call (803) 438-8614 for directions or more information. For God and Country!

The FRA (Fleet Reserve Association) Branch and Unit 202 meets monthly at the Naval Reserve Center, 2620 Lee Rd., Fort Jackson at 1:00 p.m. the 3rd Tuesday of each month. Ladies Auxiliary meets at same time. Ron or Fran, 803-482-4456.

United States Submarine Veterans, Inc., Palmetto Base meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 1900. at The Crab Shack, in the Old Mill Building on US 1, 711 E. Main Street. For more information contact D.W. Eggleston, 803-932-9390.

VFW Post 641 Ladies Auxiliary, 534 South Beltline Blvd., Columbia, SC 29206, is sponsoring a Mardi Gras Night Saturday, May 17, 6 p.m. Food, Music, Prizes! All veterans, families and friends are always welcome. Phil Urban/aka Elvis will be there.

## 103 Wanted to Buy

Vietnam Veteran Seeks WWII-Japanese Military items. Please call 803-776-4252.

## 105 Opportunities

### Tired of seeing your Hard Earned Dollars Become TheIRS?

Call 646-222-0534 - then email [tonychavis@bigplanet.com](mailto:tonychavis@bigplanet.com) to request more information!

## 106 Yard Sale

GARAGE/YARD SALE: 10 May, 0800-1400. Table, heavy book shelves, furniture, books, home theater surround sound and much more. 807 S. Holly St., Columbia, SC 29205. 803-240-7040.

Yard Sale Saturday, 3 May from 7:30 until 1:00 p.m. Adult and children's clothing and items for the home at 5811-E Burt Rd. on Fort Jackson.

## 108 Roommate Wanted

Furnished room for rent to male or female in a quiet neighborhood in Northeast Columbia near I-77. \$400 per month includes utilities and cable Television. Please call 803-261-2686.

## 200 Help Wanted

PT Retail Position, Fort Jackson's Main PX T-Shirt Shop, mostly Thurs. & Fri. shifts (9-6). \$7.00/hr. w/eligibility for bonuses & pay increases. Fax resume to 803-782-9739, Attn: Tina. Email: [tmgmarketing@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tmgmarketing@sbcglobal.net)

## 300 Services

Do you need professional lawn service? Then call Mr."B" at 803-413-7725. Great rates/free estimates.

QUARTER MAIDS CLEANING: Are you too busy to clean? Let Quarter Maids clean for you. Call and let us make your life much easier! (803) 673-3603.

## 500 Pets

2 Cats need Good Homes. Shelter can't take: Eddie, 8 yrs., declawed and Mollie, 5 yrs., both spay/neutered. Would like to go together, but will separate if we must. If you can help call Lindsey or Josh, 336-202-3445, 803-840-2042.

AKC Black Lab: 3 1/2 mo. old male needs Loving Home. He's an indoor dog, is good with other dogs and has a great personality. \$200. Call Debbie, 803-469-2478 or [jdsmith24@aol.com](mailto:jdsmith24@aol.com)

American Pit Bull Puppy for sale! This is a purebred blue pit bull. This female is 9 weeks old and weighs about 20 lbs. Both parents are UKC registered. Please call 803-727-0918 or check out [www.edistoriverbluepits.com](http://www.edistoriverbluepits.com) for pictures

CKC Golden retriever, male, 10 months old. Light in color, very loving and good with kids. Neutered and current on shots. Family is PCSing overseas and we are unable to take him with us. \$175 OBO. Call 803-708-8427.

CKC Westie Pups, 6 weeks old. Have had their first shots and are up to date on wormings. We are asking \$300 for Females and \$250 for Males. Call 803-499-7269 or 236-1520.

Looking for a Good Home for 3 yr. old female German Shepherd/Lab mix. Housebroken, spayed, has micro locator chip. Loveable, patient disposition. Great with kids. Large kennel, leash, harness, toys provided. Must find a good home due to PCS. 803-775-7265.

"Max" is 8 month Husky/Lab mix, looks like a German Shepherd. We don't have enough time to spend with him. Needs a home with decent backyard w/room to run. Very good w/children. Contact [LisaKennedy09@hotmail.com](mailto:LisaKennedy09@hotmail.com) or call 803-318-4908. Can email pics.

## 600 Appliances

Small upright freezer, used only 3 months, \$50. 803-798-6869.

## 600 Appliances

Large capacity Washer, new, under warranty, 7 cycles. \$220. 803-389-2670, in Rock Hill, SC.

## 601 Electronics

Items for people PCSing to Europe: Portable AC unit, TV (about 18"), stereo with speakers, and other plugs and adaptors. Will sell everything for \$400 OBO. Call 910-248-0027 or 252-571-3568.

NEW Combined Computer Fax/Printer and Scanner (still in box). "Dell Photo All-in-one 944", asking \$75. Also NEW Epson R220 Photo Printer, asking \$50. Compare prices for both printers on Internet. I will beat any price you find. Kevin, 803-788-9553.

## 602 Furniture

Beautiful Full Living Room Package including: sofa, loveseat, 3 piece table set, 2 lamps and picture all for \$1000. Must See, Negotiable. Call Shawanna, 704-208-9241.

Corner Bench with Table and 2 chairs, seats 4, no upholstery, \$250 negotiable. Call 803-798-6869.

Couch, Love Seat, Chair, 2 end tables and coffee table. Call Erica, 238-2916.

Dining Room set made of Pine wood with 6 chairs, \$190 OBO. Call 352-279-3705.

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Moving Sale: Loveseat, good condition, \$35. Wine shelf (wood), holds 56, also has 2 drawers, \$300. Both OBO. Call 803-233-1428 (evenings best), please leave message.

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## 603 Miscellaneous for Sale

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